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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
FM Table of Allotments
(Due West, South Carolina)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Sutton Radiocasting Corporation, is an original and four copies of its Petition for Rule Making seeking the commencement of a proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments to allot Channel 237A to Due West, South Carolina, as its first local transmission service.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please contact this office directly.

Sincerely,

John F. Garziglia
Patricia M. Chuh

Enclosures

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**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b))	
Table of Allotments,)	MM Docket _____
FM Broadcast Stations)	
(Due West, South Carolina))	RM _____

To: Chief, Allocation Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

SUTTON RADIOCASTING CORPORATION ("SRC"), a South Carolina corporation, hereby petitions the Commission to institute a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for the allocation of Channel 237A to Due West, South Carolina, as that community's first broadcast service. SRC gives the required verifications and also certifies that if the Commission allocates the channel, it, or an entity in which it participates, will file an application for a construction permit.

CHANNEL 237A AT DUE WEST QUALIFICATIONS

The Commission recently granted a license to WBTS, Athens, Georgia to operate from its C1 site and canceled its full C status. With the licensing of the WBTS C1 site, the clear area to allocate an FM at Due West, on first adjacent channel 237, was created.

Attached, as Exhibit-1, is an FM spacing study showing the clear area for channel 237A near Due West. This study does not recognize Channel 238C at Athens, Georgia since it is now abandoned. Attached, as Exhibit-2, is a plot demonstrating compliance with CFR 73.315(a) and (b) relating to city grade, 70 dBu (3.16 mvm) contour coverage. Exhibit-2 clearly shows that this contour will fully encompass the entire area of Due West, South Carolina.

DUE WEST, SOUTH CAROLINA

Due West is located in Abbeville County, South Carolina near the borders of Anderson and Greenwood Counties. It is a functioning community with its own elected city government, a post office, fire and law enforcement protection and corporate city limits which give it necessary indicia required by the Commission to be a community of license. According to the United States Census Bureau, Due West had a population of 1220 persons on January 1, 1990. Due West is also home to Erskine College.

PETITION SUMMARIZED

The petition for the allocation of Channel 237A at Due West could be summarized as follows:

COMMUNITY	PRESENT	PROPOSED
Due West	None	237A

No substitutions of channels in other markets or interruption of service are necessary for this allocation.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

SRC hereby certifies that it is interested in the allocation of channel 237A at Due West and if the channel is allocated, it, or an organization in which it participates, will timely file an application for a construction permit. It further states that it, or an entity in which it is a participant, will construct and daily operate this station, if it is the successful applicant.

CONCLUSION

SRC is petitioning the Commission to institute a Notice of Proposed Rule Making leading to the allocation of Channel 237A to Due West, South Carolina as that community's first broadcast service. SRC certifies that it, or an entity in which it participates, will apply for the license at Due West if the channel is allocated.

CERTIFICATION

SUTTON RADIOCASTING CORPORATION, Petitioner for the allocation of a new FM broadcast channel at Due West, South Carolina, does hereby verify that the statements contained in this Petition for Rule Making are true and correct to the best of its knowledge and belief. It represents that this Petition is not filed for the purpose of impeding, obstructing or delaying determination on any other application or petition with which it may be in conflict.

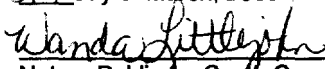
Respectfully submitted,
SUTTON RADIOCASTING CORPORATION


By: Douglas M. Sutton, Jr.
Its President

This 24 day of March, 2000

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SWORN to and Subscribed before me on this
24 day of March, 2000.

 (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 7-1-2003

**Sutton Radiocasting Companies
Petition To Add
Channel 237A
Due West, SC.**

March 2000

TECHNICAL EXHIBIT

The following technical exhibit has been prepared on behalf of Sutton Radiocasting Companies. The purpose is to request the addition of channel 237A to Due West, SC. as that communities first local FM service.

Attached as Exhibit-1 is a spacing study showing the clear-area-to-locate channel 237A, site restricted to the Southwest of the city of Due West. WBTS, Athens Georgia was recently granted a license to operate from it's C1 site and has canceled it's full C status. Exhibit-1 does not recognize Channel 238C at Athens, Ga. since it is now abandoned.

Exhibit-2 is a proposed coverage map showing that the 70 dBu (3.16 mV/m) signal contour will fully encompass the city of Due West, SC. without terrain restriction. This plot assumes full power of 6.0kw ERP and 100m HAAT as allowed for an A class facility.

Sutton Radiocasting Companies proposes the following:

DUE WEST, SC.

Before

After

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237A

Conclusion:

Sutton Radiocasting Companies proposes to add Channel 237A to Due West, South Carolina as that communities first local FM service. The attached technical exhibits clearly show that Channel 237A can be allotted without interference to any existing or proposed facility and therefore should be granted.

March, 09, 2000

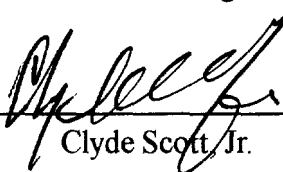
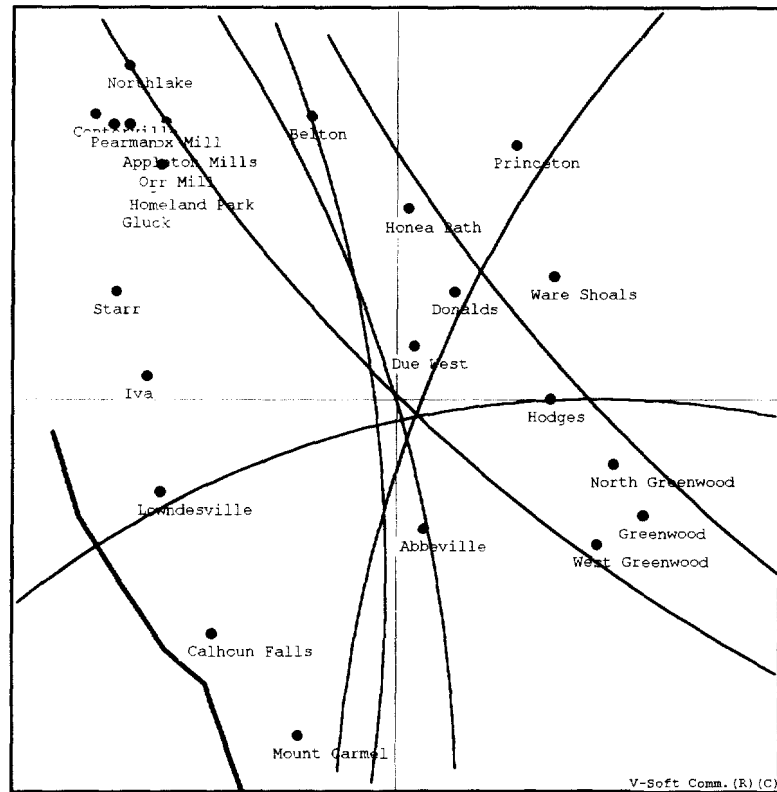

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Exhibit-1

SEARCHFM(TM) LOCATE STUDY

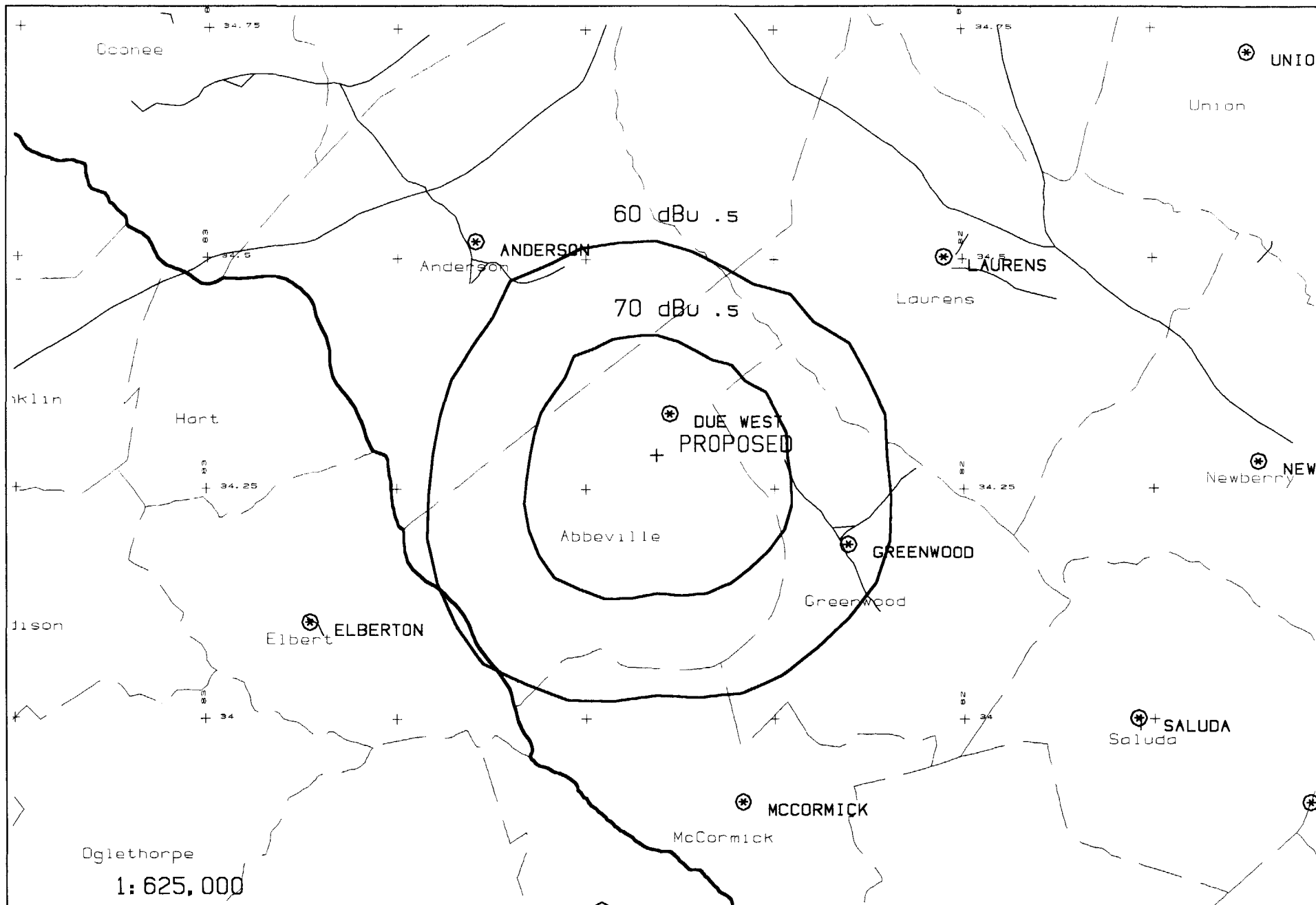
Ch 237 A
95.3 MHz

N. Lat. 34 17 13
W. Lng. 82 24 23



Call	CH#	Location		D-KM	Azi	FCC	Margin
WBTS.C	238C1	Athens	GA	133.06	253.0	133.0	0.06
WNKS	236C	Charlotte	NC	165.29	43.3	165.0	0.29
WCHZ	236C3	Harlem	GA	90.91	168.0	89.0	1.91
WBTS.A	238C1	Athens	GA	135.07	262.8	133.0	2.07
WFMV	237A	South Congaree	SC	117.21	111.3	115.0	2.21
WFMV.A	237A	South Congaree	SC	117.21	111.3	115.0	2.21
WNKS	236C	Charlotte	NC	178.70	50.4	165.0	13.70
WNGC	291C	Toccoa	GA	111.08	296.6	29.0	82.08
WXRC	239C	Hickory	NC	178.51	43.0	95.0	83.51
RDEL	291C	Toccoa	GA	115.66	275.4	29.0	86.66
WAAW	234A	Williston	SC	119.93	138.5	31.0	88.93
WNGC.A	291C1	Toccoa	GA	113.07	265.9	22.0	91.07
WPCH	235C	Atlanta	GA	186.35	253.9	95.0	91.35
WPCH.A	235C	Atlanta	GA	186.35	253.9	95.0	91.35
RADD	291C1	Lawrenceville	GA	115.66	275.4	22.0	93.66
RADD	291C1	Sugar Hill	GA	115.66	275.4	22.0	93.66
WNGC.C	291C1	Toccoa	GA	115.66	275.4	22.0	93.66

Exhibit-2



<p>Scale in km</p> <p>0 10 20 30 40</p>	<p>PROPOSED 237A 6kW 288.95M AMSL</p> <p>N. Lat. 34 17 13 W. Lng. 82 24 23</p>	<p>PROPOSED DUE WEST, SC.</p> <p>EXHIBIT - 2</p>
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DECLARATION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF PREPARER

STATE OF GEORGIA)
CITY OF MOULTRIE) §
COLQUITT COUNTY)

CLYDE SCOTT, JR. ,UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, DECLARES AND SAYS
HE IS A BROADCAST ENGINEER AND PRESIDENT OF EME COMMUNICATIONS.
HE HAS BEEN ENGAGED TO PREPARE THE ATTACHED TECHNICAL EXHIBIT.

THAT HIS QUALIFICATIONS ARE A MATTER OF RECORD BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE BROADCAST INDUSTRY SINCE 1965 AND IN BROADCAST ENGINEERING SINCE 1972. THAT HE IS THE HOLDER OF GENERAL RADIOTELEPHONE LICNESE NO. PG-6-30133.

THAT THE ATTACHED TECHNICAL EXHIBIT WAS EITHER PREPARED BY HIM OR UNDER HIS DIRECT SUPERVISION. ALL MATERIAL AND EXHIBITS HERETO ARE BELIEVED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT.


CLYDE SCOTT, JR.